

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the two paragraphs beginning with the last paragraph on page 17 until the first full paragraph on page 18 with the following two paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

Referring to Fig 6 herein, there is illustrated schematically in cut away cross section from above, a column post 600 of a racking system, having the column protector device installed. The known post comprises an elongate metal member 600 which is channel shaped in cross section, and presenting a substantially rectangular front aspect, the member comprising a front member 601; a first outer side member 602 connected to the front member 601 at one edge thereof and extending laterally from the front member; a first inner side member 603 disposed inwardly of the first outer side member 602, and extending approximately parallel thereto, and transverse to a main plane of the front member; a first connecting side member 604, connecting the first outer side member and the first inner side member, and extending in a plane transverse to a main plane of the front member, transverse a main plane of the first outer side member, transverse to a main plane of the first inner side member; and a first lip member 605 extending from one edge of the first inner side member and extending in a plane approximately parallel to the main plane of the front member; a second outer side member 606 connected to an opposite edge of the front member 601 to the first outer side member, and extending laterally from the front member; a second inner side member 607 disposed inwardly of the second outer side member 606, and extending approximately parallel thereto, and transverse to a main plane of the front member; a second connecting inner side member 608, connecting the second outer side member

and the second inner side member, and extending in a plane transverse to a main plane of the front member, transverse to a main plane of the second outer side member, transverse to a main plane of the second inner side member; and a second lip member 609 extending from one edge of the second inner side member, opposite to an edge where the second inner side member connects with the second connecting member, and extending in a plane approximately parallel to the main plane of the front member.

The outer shell 300, when fitted to the column, surrounds the front member 601, the first and second outer side members 602, 606 and the first and second connecting side members 604, 607, thereby protecting them from direct impact with vehicles, MHE and the like, and partially surrounds each of the first and second inner side members 603, 608. The outer shell also surrounds the inner liner 301, which resides, in use between the substantially cylindrical inner surface of the outer shell 300 and an outer face of the front member 601, an outer face of the first outer side member 602 and an outer face of the second outer side member 606.